

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of the claims.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended). A compressed, layered pharmaceutical tablet comprising one or more layers forming a ~~first~~ bottom active segment containing an effective amount of one or more drugs and a top inactive segment containing either an undetectable amount of drug or a pharmacologically ineffective amount of drug, said inactive segment having a top and bottom face wherein only one of said faces contacts an active layer containing a drug or drugs, and said bottom active layer being scored by an embossed bottom punch to form substantially identical first and second unitary segments each having a top and bottom face wherein ~~only one of said faces~~ the top face of each unitary active segment contacts the ~~first~~ inactive segment, wherein the terms “bottom” and “top” refer to the orientation of the tablet in the tablet die during compression.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which one or more additional unitary segments in addition to said first and second unitary segments are optionally present and are derived from the same layer or layers as said first unitary segment.

Claims 4-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (previously presented). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which the first segment contains no more than 10 parts per million of the concentration of the drug or drugs present in said first unitary segment and said second unitary segment.

Claim 8 (previously presented). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which the first segment contains no more than 10% of the concentration of drug or drugs present in the first unitary segment and said second unitary segment.

Claim 9 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which the first segment contains no more than 2% the concentration of drug present in the first unitary segment and said second unitary segment.

Claim 10 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which said first segment is derived from a granulation that does not contain a drug.

Claim 11 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which additional unitary segments which are compositionally different from the composition of said first unitary segment and said second unitary segment and are derived from a granulation containing a drug.

Claim 12 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which said first unitary and said second unitary segments are outer segments.

Claims 13-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which there is a substantially vertical score in said first segment, said score being vertically aligned with the center of the space between said first unitary segment and said second

Claim 16 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which in addition to said first unitary segment and said second unitary segment, there are two additional unitary segments which are compositionally identical.

Claim 17 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which said drug or drugs is or are pharmacologically effective in the treatment of cardiovascular conditions, psychiatric conditions, diabetes, thyroid disorders, pain or thrombotic disorders.

Claim 18 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 17 in which said drug is warfarin.

Claim 19 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 17 in which said drug is digoxin.

Claim 20 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 17 in which said drug is levodopa.

Claim 21 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which said first segment adjoins a plurality of unitary segments on the side of said first segment that is opposite the surface adjoining said first and second unitary segments.

Claim 22 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which a second segment which contains a drug adjoins said first segment on the side opposite the side where said first and said second unitary segments are located.

Claim 23 (original). A method of breaking a pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 wherein said tablet is broken by applying force to said first and said second unitary segments to cause the tablet to break through said first segment.

Claim 24 (original). A method of breaking a tablet as in claim 22 that comprises first breaking said tablet through said first segment to obtain a tablette that contains part of said first segment plus unitary segments and thereafter breaking said tablet between said first and said second unitary segments so that the tablet breaks substantially completely within said first segment.

Claim 25 (original). A method of administering a partial dose of a drug contained in a pharmaceutical tablet, said method comprising breaking a pharmaceutical tablet according to claim 1 by breaking said tablet through said first segment to form two or more tablettes each containing a unitary segment and having a patient, other person, or other animal in need thereof ingest a tablette containing a unitary segment.

Claim 26 (original). A method of administering a partial dose of a drug contained in a pharmaceutical tablet, said method comprising breaking a pharmaceutical tablet according to the method of claim 23 and having a patient, other person, or other animal in need thereof ingest a tablette formed by said breaking.

Claim 27 (withdrawn). A compressed pharmaceutical tablet having a first segment that contains a drug and that is scored from 95-99.5% of the distance between said segment and an adjoining second segment.

Claim 28 (withdrawn). A compressed pharmaceutical tablet having a scored first segment that adjoins a second segment, in which less than 5% of the quantity of drug contained in said first segment is present between said score and said second segment.

Claim 29 (withdrawn). A compressed pharmaceutical tablet which comprises the tablet of claim 28 as a core structure in a tablet with an additional segment.

Claim 30 (withdrawn). A compressed pharmaceutical tablet which comprises the tablet of claim 28 as a core structure in a tablet with two additional segments.

Claim 31 (withdrawn). A method of breaking a pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 28 wherein said tablet is broken by applying force to cause the tablet to break through said first segment.

Claim 32 (withdrawn). A method of administering a precise partial dose of a drug contained in a pharmaceutical tablet, said method comprising breaking a pharmaceutical tablet according to claim 28 by breaking said tablet through said first segment to form two or more tablettes and administering at least one of said tablettes to a patient.

Claim 33 (canceled).